

1400 MM April 10, 1962

U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Statistical Reporting Service  
and  
U. S. Department of Commerce  
Weather Bureau

Nebr. Dept. of Agr. & Inspection  
Division of Agr'l. Statistics  
Agricultural Extension Service  
of Nebr. College of Agriculture

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

Release 4/10/62

Week Ending 4/9/62

WEATHER This was a dry week. High winds occurred on Saturday. Freezing temperatures covered the State on Monday morning.

Temperatures rose during the early part of the week. Falling temperatures prevailed during the latter half of the period. Averages were near normal in the west and a little below normal in the east.

Light showers occurred in the west on Wednesday. Rains up to three-tenths inch occurred in most of the State during the weekend.

CROPS Field work gained momentum, although some eastern sections were still too wet to permit machines to operate. Seeding of spring grains started in quite a few places but somewhat less than 10 percent of the oats is in the ground. Progress is much later than usual. On the average, about half of the oats is planted by this date.

Western Nebraska farmers were preparing ground and making good progress planting sugar beets although some sections were just getting started. Spreading fertilizers, stalk cutting and disking were common operations in most places where field work could be started. Some sections in northeastern Nebraska still need a week to ten days of dry weather before field work gets fully underway. Southeastern farmers were getting back into unharvested corn and milo fields and making some progress in finishing harvest of the 1961 crop.

Winter grains have been greening up throughout the State although somewhat slower than usual. Winter damage to barley fields is extensive. Some western sections report severe winter kill for barley. Some varieties of winter wheat have been hurt by winter exposure and soil blowing in western areas. In the east, damage from low temperatures in fields that lacked snow cover is becoming apparent. Also, ice and standing water have taken a toll in some fields in the central and eastern counties. On the whole, the wheat crop seems to have come through a most severe winter with only moderate loss of acreage.

New grass is slow starting although brome grass pastures are beginning to show new growth. There is a fair to good amount of old cured feed in pastures although some western areas have had short feed all winter. Livestock have been utilizing old feed as snow cover disappeared and some new growth in wheat fields is providing feed. More cattle were being taken off stalk fields as stalk cutting and plowing operations were starting.

LIVESTOCK Calving operations were in full swing throughout the State, generally favored by good weather. Losses were light in contrast to the heavy losses suffered earlier during the severe cold and stormy weather. New crop livestock were generally making good progress in recent days. Production rates turned upward. The situation in Nebraska feedlots was much improved as drier weather relieved the muddy conditions. Cattle on feed were once again making the usual gains in contrast to the disappointing gains experienced in the last several weeks.

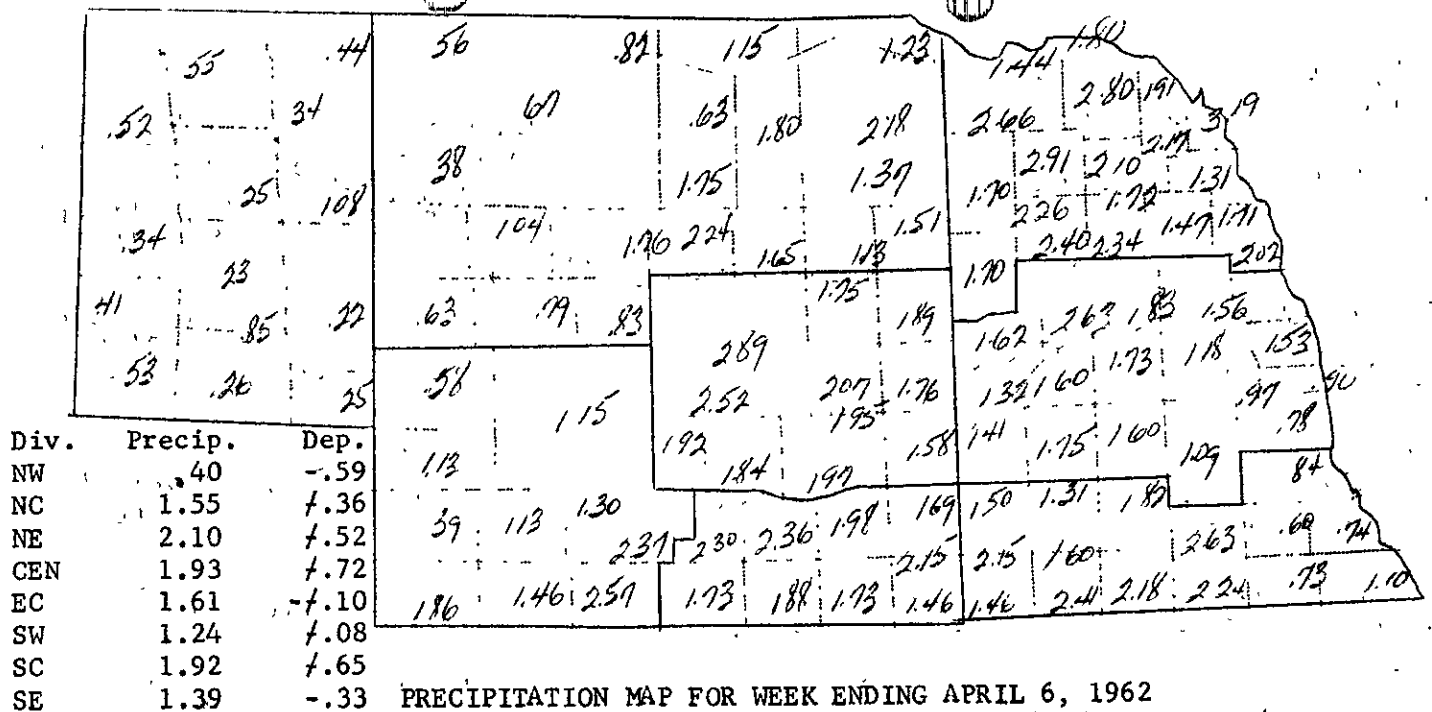
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.19	Burwell	.33	Chadron	.03
Lincoln	.07	North Platte	.25	Imperial	.39
Norfolk	.16	Valentine	.42	Scottsbluff	.08
Omaha	.08			Sidney	.08
Sioux City	.28				

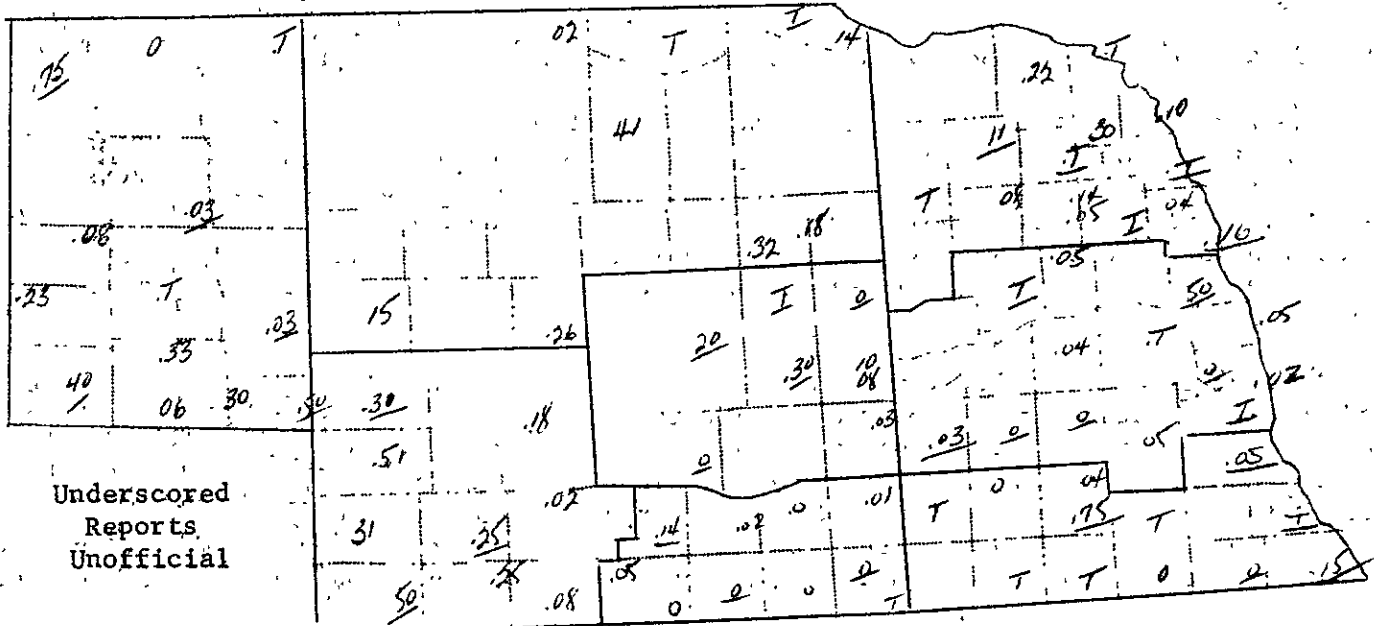
Precipitation, April 1 - 6, 1962

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total since April 1	.13	.25	.08	.12	.06	.17	.02	T
Normal since April 1	.36	.37	.42	.39	.41	.36	.38	.44

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1962



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 1962



## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		April		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		3rd		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	62	28	57	25	62	38	68	33	60	48	55	29	50	20
	Scottsbluff	61	26	57	31	60	36	63	34	56	46	55	28	48	23
	Sidney	57	29	61	31	58	31	58	34	56	35	56	25	48	26
NC	Burwell	49	32	64	29	54	25	68	40	57	34	56	21	41	--
	Valentine	52	30	59	25	55	31	69	40	59	38	61	31	45	21
NE	Norfolk	43	29	55	37	49	25	66	42	57	28	61	30	40	24
	Sioux City	42	30	54	38	50	27	63	40	56	30	59	31	46	26
CEN	Grand Island	48	33	57	32	58	27	66	37	60	32	63	33	47	26
EC	Lincoln	47	33	54	37	57	31	64	38	59	31	63	31	49	29
	Omaha	43	29	51	37	54	27	61	36	57	30	61	33	45	26
SW	Imperial	56	28	63	28	59	27	63	39	55	35	53	30	50	28
	North Platte	40	26	61	34	59	30	63	39	57	35	51	33	49	24

U. S. Department of Agriculture  
203 P. O. Building, Box 1911  
Lincoln 1, Nebraska

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE